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IN THE CLAIMS

- l. (Previously Presented) A process comprising electrochemically reacting a monomeric composition comprising thieno[3,4-b]thiophene, to form a polymeric composition comprising units derived from the thieno[3,4-b]thiophene.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the electrochemical reaction is in an electrochemical cell comprising an electrolyte, a working electrode, a counter electrode, and a reference electrode in operable communication.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 2, wherein the working electrode is a platinum, gold, or vitreous carbon working electrode, and the counter electrode is platinum.
- 4. (Original) The process of claim 3, wherein the working electrode is a vitreous carbon electrode and the electrolyte is tetrabutylammonium perchlorate/acetonitrile.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the reaction provides the polymeric composition on an indium tin oxide substrate.
- 6. (Original) The process of claim 1, further comprising reducing the polymeric composition.
- 7. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymeric composition has a band gap of about 0.85 V.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7, wherein the polymeric composition is transparent.

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- 9. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymeric composition has no observable color in the oxidized form.
- 10. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the monomeric composition further comprises a co-monomer reactive with the thieno[3,4-b]thiophene.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein the co-monomer is a thiophene, substituted thiophene, substituted thieno[3,4-b]thiophene, dithicno[3,4-b:3',4'-d]thiophene, bithiophene, pyrrole, substituted pyrrole, phenylene, substituted phenylene, naphthalene, substituted naphthalene, biphenyl, substituted biphenyl, terphenyl, substituted terphenyl, phenylene vinylene, substituted phenylene vinylene, or a combination comprising at least one of the foregoing co-monomers, wherein the substituents are one or more of -H, hydroxyl, C₆-C₃₆ aryl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, C₁-C₁₂ alkylthio, C₁-C₁₂ perfluoroalkyl, C₆-C₃₆ perfluoroaryl, pyridyl, cyano, thiocyanato, nitro, amino, C₁-C₁₂ alkylamino, C₁-C₁₂ aminoalkyl, acyl, sulfoxyl, sulfonyl, amido, and/or carbamoyl.
 - 12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the co-monomer is



wherein R is C_1 - C_{12} primary, secondary or tertiary alkyl, cylcoalkyl, C_6 - C_{36} aryl, or a functional group.

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13. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the co-monomer is

wherein X is C₁-C₄ alkylene or substituted C₁-C₄ alkylene.

14. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the co-monomer is

wherein X is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl- or C_6 - C_{12} phenyl-substituted ethylene, or a 1,2-cyclohexylene.

15. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the co-monomer is

wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently -H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, phenyl, or substituted phenyl.

- 16. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the monomeric composition further comprises a polyanion.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 16, wherein the polyanion is a polycarboxylate or a polymeric sulfonate.